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Objective: Some pipeline failures suggest that interactions of resident conditions with changing operations or environments may increase the probability of failure, reduce the failure stress, change the mode of failure from a leak to a rupture, cause development of a condition not detectable by assessment methods in use, or cause the shift of a condition from stable to unstable. The objective of this project is to develop guidance for pipeline operators in the form of advanced interaction matrices, decision processes,

Results and Conclusions:

- Task II.A.2 has been finalized and its interim progress report has been submitted. Task II.A.3 is done and the interim progress report is under review.

Plans for Future Activity:

- Task II.A - Prepare an Interim Report describing results from Steps 2 and 3. Circulate to PHMSA and the TAC.